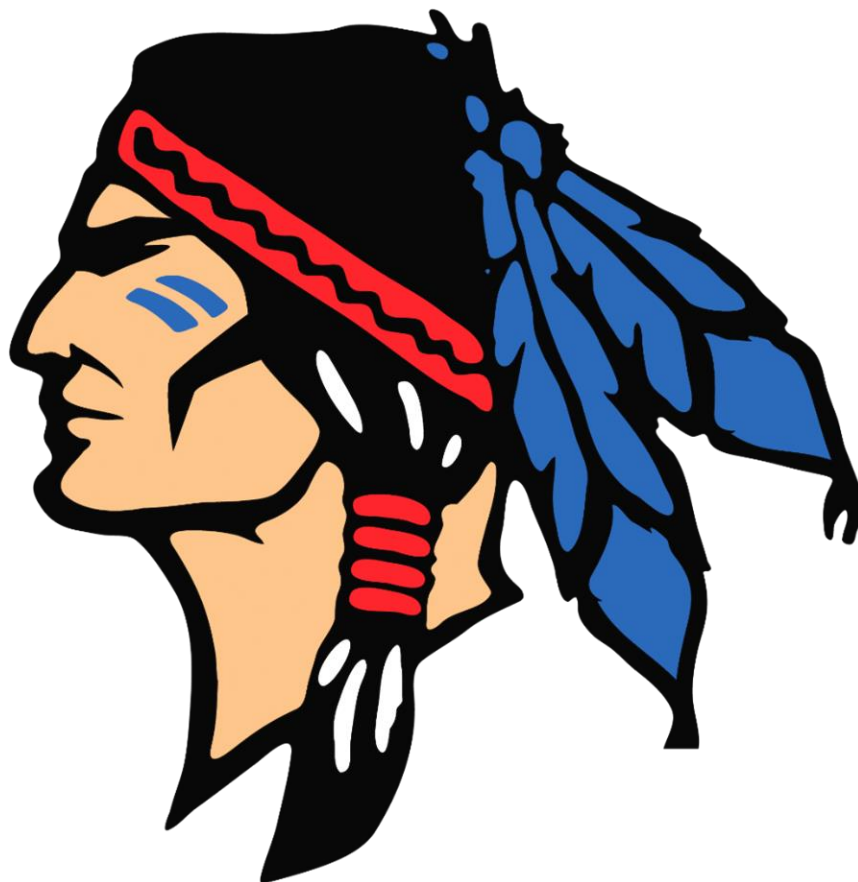


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STUDENT-ATHLETE HANDBOOK

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JACS ATHLETIC MISSION STATEMENT

The primary purpose of the Athletic Department at McAuley High School and St. Peter's Middle School is to help teach important life lessons through athletics. Our student-athletes will learn that teamwork, dedication, discipline, respect, integrity, commitment, and hard work are an integral part of their everyday lives. It is the Athletic Department's objective to work with coaches, administration, faculty and parents to make athletics an extension of the learning environment. Athletics will strive to be a challenging, yet positive and rewarding experience for the student athletes, and will help develop and mold them into outstanding young adults and leaders of tomorrow.

WARNING OF INHERENT RISK/DANGERS OF ATHLETIC COMPETITION

Participation in athletics includes the risk of injury, which may range in severity from minor to disabling to possible death. Although serious injuries are not common in supervised programs, it is impossible to eliminate the risk. Participants can and do have a responsibility to help.

ATHLETIC PROGRAM GOALS

Physical Goals

To provide coaching geared toward helping students develop and cultivate:

- Respect for the human body
- Concern and care for health and safety
- Extensive strength and condition training that will prepare the body for the longevity of the entire sport season

Teamwork Goals

To provide coaching geared toward helping students develop and cultivate:

- The ability to practice and work as a team
- Self-direction, leadership and loyalty in a team setting
- Commitment and dedication to school, team and teammates
- The ability to collaborate with others to meet a common goal
- Self-discipline and a commitment to personal and team excellence

Competitive Goals

To provide coaching geared toward helping student-athletes develop good sportsmanship by teaching:

- The ability to compete respectfully
- To respect the coaches, teammates, officials, spectators, opponents, and the rules of the game
- To lose gracefully without pouting and to win with dignity without gloating

Spiritual Goals

To provide coaching geared to helping student-athletes develop and cultivate the virtues of:

- Courage
- Sense of duty
- Discipline
- Self-control
- Honesty
- Fair play
- Dedication
- Fortitude

- Respect
- Perseverance
- Commitment
- Leadership

MEMBERSHIP

Joplin Area Catholic Schools are members of the Missouri State High School Activities Association (MSHSAA). We adhere, at the minimum, to the policies and regulations set forth by MSHSAA. The MSHSAA handbook policies and regulations can be found at <https://www.mshsaa.org/resources/pdf/Official%20Handbook.pdf>

MSHSAA REQUIREMENTS

To participate in middle school and high school athletics, students must abide by MSHSAA rules and policies. This includes:

1. **Physical Exam** – a student may not begin practicing with a team until a physical exam by a doctor is completed (Physical Exam Form) and turned into the coach of that sport
 - a. Includes all athletic teams as well as cheerleading
 - b. Physicals are good for **TWO** years from the date of entry and cover all sports the student participates in during those two years
 - c. The Physical Exam Form is available online at JACS.org or from the school athletic office
2. **Pre-Participation Release Form** – Each student must read and sign an application to participate, which states that he/she has read and understands the MSHSAA eligibility rules and the rules included in this handbook.
 - a. Parents/guardians must read and sign a Permission to Participate Form, which includes verification by the parents/guardians that the athlete is covered by a basic athletic insurance policy.
3. **Practices Prior to Games** – each athlete must have participated in conditioning practices with the team on 14 separate days before he/she may participate in a game or meet.
 - a. The 14-day restriction is waived if an athlete competed in the previous sports season except spring or fall. Example: fall to winter sport – OK; fall to spring sport – 14 days needed.
4. **Must be enrolled in Joplin Area Catholic Schools.** JACS follows all other MSHSAA guidelines and recommendations determining transfer eligibility.

ELIGIBILITY

McAuley and St. Peter's students are eligible to participate in athletics and other extra-curricular activities if they:

1. Are registered/enrolled at JACS
2. Are in good standing (no academic or disciplinary probation)
 - a. Academic – student must not be failing any classes and must maintain a "C" average
 - b. Disciplinary probation will be covered later
3. Meet all the criteria established by the Missouri State High School Activities Association (MSHSAA)

4. Students must attend school at least half the day on the day of the activity, unless the student is gone for a field trip, doctors visit, or on a college visit
5. Return the handbook form acknowledging agreement with rules and policies
6. All eligibility rules and infractions are subject to review. The administration will make the final decision regarding the status of a student

DISCIPLINE

Any behavior that is not conducive to the code of conduct may result in the student-athlete getting benched, put on probation, or may result in the removal from the team. The following are examples of probation, suspension and expulsion:

Probation

Probation is the continued enrollment of a student, but with specific conditions. The decision to use probation is made by the principal in consultation with the director, counselor or other appropriate school personnel. The conditions of probation will be communicated to the parent/guardians of the student involved. During probation, the student may not participate in any extra-curricular activities including tryouts, practices, performances, games, and competitions.

Academic Probation

A student shall be placed on academic probation if he/she has a failing grade or is not maintaining a "C" average. There will be grade checks on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month. If a student athlete has an "F" in any class, or if they aren't maintaining a "C" average in all classes, the student-athlete will be put on academic probation until the teacher/s have verified a passing grade or the next grade check, whichever comes first. If the grade/s are not at the satisfactory mark, the student-athlete will remain on probation until they reach that mark. All religion classes must carry a "C" or above.

Disciplinary Probation

A student will be placed on disciplinary probation if:

- The actions of the student at school or at school activities are judged sufficiently serious and/or persistent.
- The actions of the student break a code of conduct policy or school rule
- If at any time the student gets in trouble while on probation, their probation time will double and they could potentially be removed from the team.

Suspension/Expulsion

If the action is serious enough as determined by the coach, athletic director and/or the principal, then direct measures to stop the inappropriate behavior will be taken in accordance with the Diocesan policy. These acts could lead to suspension or expulsion and sometimes proper legal action. The following are examples of **SERIOUS** rule-breaking problems:

- Actions gravely detrimental to the moral and spiritual welfare of other pupils

- Habitual profanity or vulgarity
- Fighting, assault, battery, or any threat of force or violence directed toward any student, school faculty, opponents, officials or spectators
- Open, persistent defiance of authority of a teacher or administrator
- Continued willful disobedience
- Use, sale, distribution or possession of narcotics
- Use, sale, distribution or possession of any alcohol
- Use, sale, distribution or possession of any tobacco products
- Using electronic cigarettes on school premises
- Stealing
- Truancy
- Destroying school property or someone else's personal property
- Harassment or bullying of any kind (verbal, physical, online)
- Sexual harassment and rape

Possession of a weapon on school grounds (i.e. gun, knife or any other object that poses as a weapon, including toy weapons)

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Attendance

Attendance at practice is a requirement. Not only do you gain knowledge and cardiovascular endurance, you also gain valuable positive characteristics that you can take long with you after sports. The athletic department at JACS firmly believes in attendance at practice so that your child will progress into the best athlete possible. MSHSAA states that you must participate in 14 practices, all on different days, to be eligible to play in games. We break down absences into two categories: excused and unexcused.

The following are examples of **EXCUSED** absences:

- Serious illness or injury
- Doctors appointment – maximum of two for the season
- Mandatory school function
- Church on Wednesday
- Death in the family

The following are examples of **UNEXCUSED** absences:

- Hair appointment
- Work
- Concert
- Vacations during the season
- Not notifying the coaches that you won't make it to practice for any reason

Transportation

Every student-athlete is required to ride the bus to the athletic event. The students may ride home with **ONLY** their parents or another students' parents **IF** they have a written note from their parents stating so. Students may not ride home with friends. On away games against College Heights and Thomas Jefferson, transportation will not be provided so it is the responsibility of the student to find a ride to the game.

Summer Transportation

During the summer, if a team that your child plays on participates in any summer team camps or leagues, it is the responsibility of the parents to get their child to the games. The athletic department does not oversee transportation to and from camps or leagues.

Uniforms and Equipment

The coach or athletic director will provide each student with a uniform and sometimes equipment at the beginning of the season. Each coach will ensure that the student fills out the **"Student-Athlete Uniform Contract."** The student-athlete will not be allowed to practice or play in games until the contract is signed by both the parents/guardians and the student and turned back into the coach or athletic director. It is the responsibility of the student-athlete and parent to ensure that the uniform is clean, orderly and worn to all competitive games. In addition, the following are a few rules governing uniforms and the use of equipment:

- All uniforms and equipment must be returned one week from the conclusion of the last game and be in good condition.
- Each athlete and parent are financially responsible for all uniforms and equipment checked out to him/her. Athletes and parents must make full restitution for damaged or lost equipment and/or uniforms. Failure to return or pay the full restitution cost of the uniform or equipment will cause them to not be eligible to play in another sport, receive their report card or receive their diploma.
- All uniforms should be cleaned before each game and kept in good condition throughout the season.

Playing Time

At the varsity level, playing time should never be a topic of discussion between parents and coaches. Varsity coaches are instructed and strongly advised to play the players that give their team the best chance to win, assuming those players are in good team and academic standing.

At the middle school and JV levels, coaches are asked to balance winning with player development and experience. Therefore, while playing time is never a guarantee, coaches at the JV and middle school level will make more of an effort to spread out playing time.

Lightning and Thunder Policy

National Federation of High School Associations Guidelines

The purpose of these guidelines is to provide a default policy to those responsible for making decisions concerning the suspension and restarting of contests based on the presence of lightning. The preferred sources from which to request such a policy for your facility would include your state high school association and the nearest office of the National Weather Service. Proactive Planning:

- Assign staff to monitor local weather conditions before and during events.
- Develop an evacuation plan, including identification of appropriate nearby shelters.
- Develop criteria for suspension and resumption of play.
 - When thunder is heard or a cloud-to-ground lightning bolt is seen, the thunderstorm is close enough to strike your location with lightning. Suspend play and take shelter immediately.
 - 30-Minute Rule: Once play has been suspended, wait at least 30 minutes after the last thunder is heard or flash of lightning is witnessed prior to resuming play.
 - Any subsequent thunder or lightning after the beginning of the 30-minute count, reset the clock, and another 30-minute count should begin.
- Hold periodic reviews for appropriate personnel.

Heat Policy

The MSHSAA Board of Directors approved the Wet Bulb Globe Thermometer (WBGT) as the recommended measurement practice and device for measuring acceptable heat/humidity levels for practices and contests. The use of WBGT is recommended throughout the calendar year when ambient temperature is above 80 degrees. Due to minimally controlled timing, quality and quantity of participation, middle school aged student athletes require different WBGT readings and associated modifications from their high school counterparts.

WET BULB GLOBE THERMOMETER		ACTIVITY GUIDELINES & REST BREAK GUIDELINES
Middle School	High School	
< 82	< 82	Normal Activities: Provide at least 3 separate rest breaks each hour with a minimum duration of 3 minutes each. Use discretion for intense or prolonged exercise.
82.1 – 83.9	82.1 – 86.9	Use discretion for intense or prolonged exercise; watch at-risk players carefully; provide separate rest breaks each hour for a minimum of 4 minutes duration each.
84.0 - 86.9	87.0 - 89.9	Maximum practice time is 2 hours each. Football: Players are restricted to helmet, shoulder pads, and shorts during practice. If the WBGT rises to this level during practice, players may continue to work out wearing football pants without changing to shorts. All Sports: Provide at least 4 separate

		rest breaks each hour with a minimum duration of 4 minutes each.
87.0 - 90.0	90.0 – 92.0	Maximum practice time is 1 hour. Football: NO protective equipment may be worn during practice, and there may be NO conditioning activities. All Sports: There must be 20 minutes of rest breaks distributed throughout the hour of practice. Games/Contests: Implement additional official's timeouts for water breaks due to unusual heat/humidity/environmental conditions that may create risks for players.
> 90	> 92	NO Outdoor Workouts: Cancel or delay practice and competitions until a cooler WBGT is reached.

Participation in Multiple Sports in the Same Season

At JACS, we rely on student-athletes to play multiple sports in the same season in order to maintain programs. For this to happen, our coaches understand we must be willing to share athletes. The following is our policy on participation in multiple sports in the same season:

The student-athlete will choose a **primary** and **secondary** sport.

1. **Primary Sport** – the primary sport will take precedence over all other activities for practices and competitions.
2. **Secondary Sport** – the secondary sport will only take precedence if there is a competition during a practice day for the primary sport.

Coaches will work together to try and make practices as fair as possible, but if an issue ever arises we will follow the aforementioned guidelines.

Participation in Travel or Club Sports

- **Same Season/Same Sport:** A student shall neither practice nor compete as a member of a non-school team or as an individual participant in organized non-school competition in that same sport. For example, they cannot participate on a travel baseball team during baseball season.
- **Same Season/Different Sport:** A student may practice or compete as a member of a non-school team or as an individual participant in organized non-school competition in a different sport than the school sport in-season under the following conditions:
 - No school time is missed to compete, practice for, or travel to the site of such non-school competition unless the absence is approved in advance by the school administrator.
 - The student shall not practice for or compete in the non-school competition on the same date the school team practices or competes, without approval of the school administrator.

- A student-athlete may participate in two **individual** matches or tournaments in any given season, as long as they are not represented by the school. If the student-athlete wins a prize in which the school is affiliated as a member of MSHSAA (*golf or tennis, for example*), then the student is limited to \$250 in money or prizes. If the school is **NOT** affiliated as a member of MSHSAA in the particular sport that the student-athlete wins a prize for (*fishing, for example*), then the student-athlete may retain 100% of the earnings.

Concussion Policy

- Every coach is required to take the NFHS Concussion Course each year. This free course can be found at www.nfhslearn.com
- Concussion prevention:
 - While there is an inherent risk of concussions, JACS coaches will do their best to instruct students on proper athletic techniques to prevent concussions.
- Player Injury Evaluation:
 - If a player is suspected of having a concussion, he/she will report to the athletic trainer or designated medical personnel for evaluation. If a concussion is suspected, the athlete will be removed from the practice or game immediately.
 - If a player is diagnosed with a concussion by the athletic trainer or designated medical professional, they will be asked to complete the **MSHSAA Concussion Return to Play Form** before returning to athletic participation. This form provides a progressive activity back to play, which is five days of progressive conditioning. If at any point the student-athlete shows symptoms of concussion, they start all over from day one once the symptoms go away.
- While JACS coaches are trained on how to identify possible signs of concussions, players are responsible for reporting head injuries immediately to a coach or athletic trainer.

Use of Student Information and Pictures

The school reserves the right to use student or parent photos in any school publication and on the school's website. Any parent who does not wish for his or her child's picture or video to be used accordingly must notify the school's principal in writing prior to the beginning of the school year. **Parents, by executing this acknowledgement of receipt of this handbook, You HEREBY RELEASE the school, the Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau, and their corporate members, officers, employees, and agents, from any claims or liabilities that allegedly arise from or are related to the use of student or parent photos.**

Weight Room Policy

All coaches, athletes, faculty and staff must adhere to the following policies and procedures for the McAuley Catholic weight room.

ACCESS

- Faculty and Staff may use the weight room at any time the students are not using it.
- During the summer, the weight room will only be open to students during the scheduled strength and conditioning times set forth by coaches.
- During the school year, the weight room will be open for students from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. as long as a coach is present.
- For grades 9-12, access is granted year round during approved scheduled times set forth by coaches and with the permission of the Athletic Director.
- There must be a **minimum of two** athletes and a coach present in the weight room and must be approved by the Athletic Director.

GUIDELINES

- **DRESS CODE:** All athletes, coaches, faculty and staff must wear a shirt, shorts or athletic pants and athletic shoes. No open toed shoes or boots of any kind are permitted.
- Be courteous and treat all people with respect.
- **HORSEPLAY IS UNACCEPTABLE AND WILL NOT BE TOLERATED.**
- The coach or supervisor will control the stereo. Explicit music is not permitted.
- Your coach or supervisor must be present before you are able lift weights.
- No food, drinks or gum are permitted in the weight room except for the following: Water, Gatorade, PowerAde etc.
- All approved drinks must have a lid.
- Only use the equipment you have been instructed to operate.
- Advise the Athletic Director, coach or supervisor of any defective equipment.
- Always have a spotter/partner during every lift.
- Always use spotting/lifting techniques as demonstrated by the coach or supervisor.
- Always use correct lifting technique demonstrated by the coaches to minimize injury.
- Never lift more weight than you can safely handle.
- Always have clips on both sides of the bar, **NO EXCEPTIONS.**
- Notify a coach before any maximum attempt is made.
- For hygiene purposes, wipe down and disinfect all equipment with towels and disinfectant provided before you move on to the next machine.
- Return all equipment to its proper place after use. Please re-rack plates, dumbbells, bars, clips, medicine balls and any other equipment you have used.
- Wearing any form of jewelry during a workout is dangerous and must be removed prior to lifting.
- Weights may not be removed from the weight room unless authorized by the Athletic Director.

COACH/SUPERVISOR RESPONSIBILITIES

- Ensure all policies are being followed and communicate any non-compliance to the Athletic Director.
- Ensure that the students being supervised have been properly instructed on how to use the equipment and perform exercises.
- Remain in the weight room for the duration of the workout and be available to spot/instruct, if needed.
- Ensure the students are picking up after themselves and are disinfecting the equipment.
- Once the workout is over, ensure the equipment and weights are racked properly, all users have exited, and lock the door.

The above information has been explained to me and I understand the rules and guidelines. I also understand the necessity of using proper lifting techniques to get maximum benefits and minimize the risk of injury.

PARENTAL CONSENT

I permit my child to participate in weight training activities. I hereby assume all the risks associated with weight training. I agree to not hold the school district or any of its employees, coaches or volunteers responsible for any liability, actions, causes of action, debts, and claims or demands which may arise from such risks. I further agree that Joplin Area Catholic Schools nor any of its staff shall be responsible for the payment of any bills rendered for medical services as a result of such accidents or injuries attained in the weight room. I also acknowledge that it is the parents/guardians responsibility to provide any medical, disability or other insurance to mitigate any costs that may have incurred as a result of participation in this activity. **By signing the form at the end of this packet, I certify that I have read the above statement, understand its content, and agree to its terms.**

Athletic Awards

At the end of the school year, we will have a sports awards banquet that honors the achievements of teams and individuals. In order to be eligible for an award, you must have:

- All eligibility requirements of the MSHSAA and JACS must be met.
- To receive an athletic letter or pin, he/she must have displayed good sportsmanship throughout the season and must have attended 90% of practices and played in 75% of games.

STUDENT-ATHLETE: CODE OF CONDUCT

All students who choose to participate in athletic programs at JACS must follow its policies and rules. In all cases, MSHSAA policies/rules supersede JACS policies/rules, unless the JACS policies/rules are more restrictive. The student-athlete agrees and consents to the following code of conduct:

- I will use every effort to be a positive member of my team and exhibit good sportsmanship at all times.
- I will keep in mind that this is an extra-curricular activity and will keep my grades and behavior at an appropriate level so that I may participate.
- I will adhere to team rules and guidelines.
- I will conduct myself in a respectable manner and maintain a positive attitude during practice and games.
- I will attempt to attend and actively participate in every practice and event scheduled. If I cannot make it, I will inform my coaches as to why I am unable to attend.
- I will practice and play to the best of my ability.
- I will be prepared and on time for practices and games.
- I recognize that I am playing a team sport; as such the interests of the team shall take precedence over the interest of the individual.
- I will not criticize the performance of another teammate, a coach's decision, a referee's call or an opponent.
- I will look for opportunities to compliment others.
- I will not ever attempt to deliberately injure another player.
- I will win or lose with grace and dignity.
- I will work to improve my skill-set outside of practice.
- I will not quit mid-season.
- I will respect the dress code. Athletes who dress up on game day need to wear appropriate attire in accordance with the policies of Joplin Area Catholic Schools. Game uniforms are to be tucked in and clean while you are playing.
- I realize that failure to comply with the above regulations will result in loss of game time or suspension from athletic participation.

PARENTS: CODE OF CONDUCT

Parents also have a code of conduct. Parents are expected to adhere to the following:

- I will pledge to be a positive role model for my child and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy towards officials, spectators, coaches and players regardless of race, sex, creed or ability.
- I will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct such as booing, taunting or using profane language or gestures.
- I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participants for making a mistake.
- I will teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
- I will inform the coach of any specific medical problems or ailments that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.
- I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and wellbeing of my child or the safety of others.
- I will never question, discuss, or confront coaches at a game or practice. If I need to speak with the coach, I will set up a meeting at an agreed time and place.
- I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during games and understand that, in doing so, it could have an adverse effect on the mission they are trying to accomplish.
- I will neither ask nor expect to receive special favors regarding my child's placement or playing time on a team.
- I will never post derogatory remarks about any coach, team, player, official or spectators on any social media platform that would diminish the character of that individual or group.
- I will never drink alcohol or take drugs before or during an event. I will never use tobacco products or electronic cigarettes on school property.
- I will notify the coaches of any scheduling conflicts well in advance.
- I understand that, occasionally, practice goes over the scheduled time or may have to be rescheduled to a different time with short notice.
- I will ensure my child has a current physical and pre-participation form on file with the athletic office, as well as, a signed student-athletic handbook signature and student-athlete uniform contract signature signed by both the student and the parents.
- I will play an integral part in returning my child's uniform on time and in good condition at the end of the season.
- I understand that any concern I may have, unless morally unethical, are to be discussed with the coach directly first. If the coach cannot resolve your concern, then you may set up a meeting with the Athletic Director. If the Athletic Director cannot resolve your concern, then you may set up a meeting with the Principal. If your concern is a matter of something unethical, you may skip the chain of command and go directly to the principal.

Parents who violate this Code of Conduct while attending Joplin Area Catholic School athletic events, home or away, will be subject to disciplinary action by authorized game or school officials, including but not limited to the following:

- Verbal warning by official, coach, and/or athletic director.
- Written warning kept on file by JACS and/or asked to leave the premises for the duration of the game.

- Season suspension.

PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY

CLEAN UP

After home games, we generally announce a grade or two who is responsible for sweeping the bleachers and taking out the trash. If you are a parent of a student in the announced grade, please ensure that you AND your child are helping clean up. It only takes a few minutes and it really helps out the booster club so they aren't there all night.

PRINCIPAL AND ATHLETIC DIRECTOR'S RIGHT TO AMEND

Since situations arise that were not foreseen at the time of writing this handbook, the school reserves the right to initiate, change or modify the policies as needed. Parents and students will be notified of any amendments. The principal, director or Priest are the final recourse in all disciplinary situations and may waive any disciplinary rules for just cause at his/her discretion.

STUDENT-ATHLETE UNIFORM AND EQUIPMENT AGREEMENT

To be a member of McAuley High School/St. Peter's Middle School teams, I agree to be held responsible for the return of my team-issued game and practice uniforms and any equipment checked out to me. If I fail to return any piece of uniform assigned to me by my coach/athletic director, or if I return the uniform damaged, I understand that I will pay McAuley Catholic Athletic Department the full dollar amount of the uniform. In addition, I understand that I am ineligible to participate in another sport, school activity or receive my diploma until all uniforms are turned in or paid for.

Assigned Uniform and Replacement Cost:

High School

Volleyball Jersey **(\$50)**

Basketball Game Jersey and Shorts **(\$60-jersey, \$60-shorts, each)**

Basketball Practice Jersey and Shorts **(\$50-jersey, \$40 shorts)**

Basketball Shooting Top **(\$50)**

Basketball Bag **(\$50)**

Track Jersey and Shorts **(\$60)**

Cross Country Jersey and Shorts **(\$60)**

Soccer Jersey and Shorts **(\$50-jersey, \$50-shorts)**

Baseball Jersey and Pants **(\$90)**

Cheerleading Uniform **(\$75-top, \$75-skirt)**

Middle School

Volleyball Jersey **(\$45)**

Basketball Game Jersey and Shorts **(\$45-jersey, \$45-shorts)**

Basketball Practice Jersey **(\$20)**

Track Jersey and Shorts **(\$60 each)**

Cross Country Jersey and Shorts **(\$60 each)**

Cheerleading Uniform **(\$75-top, \$75-skirt)**

Medical Release

- The JACS Athletic Trainer reserves the right to withhold or release student-athletes for participation based on medical reasons.
- If an athlete suffers an injury where a game or practice must be ceased or missed, they must be evaluated and cleared by the athletic trainer before returning.
- If an outside medical doctor clears an athlete for participation, the school and athletic trainer may still withhold a player from participation if they do not feel the student is ready to return based on injury or illness.
- A JACS coach or parent cannot or will not overrule the athletic trainer in regard to a medical withdrawal or release for participation.

Mercy Hospital – Consent for Treatment

AUTHORIZATION FOR SPORTS MEDICINE SERVICES AND CONSENT FOR TREATMENT I, the undersigned, am the parent/legal guardian of _____, a minor and student at _____ who plans on participating in sports. I understand that Mercy Clinic Joplin, LLC is contracted by the school to provide sports medicine services for the school's student-athletes. I hereby give consent for a certified athletic trainer to provide sports medicine services for the above minor. Sports medicine services provided to student athletes include but are not limited: administering first aid for athletic injuries, clinical evaluation, assessment, and treatment and management of injuries and illnesses. The athletic trainer will perform only those procedures that are within their training, credential limitations and scope of professional practice to prevent, care for, and rehabilitate injuries and illnesses incurred by student athletes. I, hereby authorize the athletic trainer who provides services to the above-named student athlete to disclose information about the athlete's injury assessments and post-injury status. I understand such disclosures will be done, as needed, with the involved coaching staff, Athletic Director of the school, the school nurse, and/or any treating healthcare provider. I understand there is no charge to me for the above listed sports medicine services; however, additional injury treatment and/or prevention initiatives are my responsibility. If the athlete is in need of further treatment by a physician, or of rehabilitation services for the injury, he or she may see the provider of his/her choice. Injured athletes that have been evaluated and/or treated by a physician must submit written clearance from that physician to the athletic trainer prior to the athlete being permitted to resume activity. In circumstances where an athlete has been removed from play because of a suspected head injury or concussion, the athlete will not be permitted to return to play until the athlete is evaluated by a qualified healthcare provider, receives written medical clearance and completes the return to play protocol. This Authorization shall remain in effect for the school year beginning with the date set forth below.

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ (Please Print)

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Relationship to student-athlete: _____

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE JACS STUDENT-ATHLETE HANDBOOK

To be completed by the athlete and parents/guardians

I have read the JACS Athletic Handbook and understand the responsibilities expected of athletes and parents. I agree to abide by the rules, policies, and code of conduct included in this handbook.

Student/Athlete's Printed Name

Date

Student/Athlete's Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Please return this signed form to the Athletic Director

**STUDENTS MAY NOT PARTICIPATE UNTIL THIS
FORM IS TURNED IN AND ON FILE**